

CALIFORNIA DESERT CHECKLIST OF BIRDS

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<u>Abundance Code</u>	<u>Season Code</u>
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<u>C</u> ommon	<u>m</u> igrant
<u>U</u> ncommon	<u>s</u> pring-summer
<u>R</u> are	<u>y</u> ear-round resident
<u>O</u> ccasional	<u>l</u> ocalized occurrence

Excluding Salton Sea and
adjacent agricultural lands.

Location _____

Date _____

Observers _____

Notes _____

GREBES

- __Pied-billed grebe AwCsl
- __Horned grebe Rwl
- __Eared grebe AwCsl
- __Western grebe Cyl
- __Clark's grebe Cyl

PELICANS AND ALLIES

- __American white pelican UmCsl
- __Blue-footed booby Om
- __Double-crested cormorant Cy

HERONS, EGRETS, AND BITTERNS

- __American bittern UmRy
- __Least bittern Rs
- __Great blue heron UmRy
- __Great egret UmRy
- __Snowy egret CwRs
- __Cattle egret Cw
- __Green heron CmUsRw
- __Black-crowned night-heron UmRy

IBISES

- __White-faced ibis UmRs

SWANS, GEESE, AND DUCKS

- __Tundra swan Rw
- __Greater white-fronted goose CmRw
- __Snow goose Rw
- __Canada goose AwCmOs
- __Wood duck RwOs
- __Green-winged teal AwCmRs
- __Mallard CwUs
- __Northern pintail AwUs
- __Blue-winged teal UmRs
- __Cinnamon teal AmCsUw
- __Northern shoveler AwUmRs
- __Gadwall CwUs
- __Eurasian wigeon Rw
- __American wigeon AwRs
- __Canvasback CwUmOs
- __Redhead UwRs
- __Ring-necked duck CwRmOs
- __Greater scaup Ow
- __Lesser scaup AwCmRs
- __White-winged scoter Rw
- __Common goldeneye Rw
- __Barrow's goldeneye Rw
- __Bufflehead CwRs
- __Hooded merganser Rw
- __Red-breasted merganser UmOy
- __Ruddy duck AwCs

VULTURES

- __Turkey vulture CmUy

HAWKS, KITES, AND EAGLES

- __Osprey Rm
- __White-tailed kite Rw
- __Bald eagle Om
- __Northern harrier CwRy
- __Sharp-shinned hawk Cw
- __Cooper's hawk CmUy
- __Northern goshawk Ow
- __Red-shouldered hawk Ow
- __Broad-winged hawk Om
- __Swainson's hawk Om
- __Zone-tailed hawk Om
- __Red-tailed hawk Cy
- __Ferruginous hawk Rw
- __Golden eagle Uy

FALCONS

- __American kestrel Ay
- __Merlin Rm
- __Peregrine falcon Rm
- __Prairie falcon Uy

PHEASANTS AND QUAIL

- __Chukar Uy
- __Gambel's quail Cy
- __California quail Uy
- __Mountain quail Uyl

RAILS AND GALLINULES

- __Black rail Rsl
- __Clapper rail Rsl
- __Virginia rail Rsl
- __Sora RslCm
- __Common moorhen RslUm
- __American coot Cy

PLOVERS, SANDPIPERS, AND ALLIES

- __Black-bellied plover Rm
- __Snowy plover Rsl
- __Semipalmated plover Rm
- __Killdeer Uy
- __Black-necked stilt Cm
- __American avocet CmOw
- __Greater yellowlegs CmRs
- __Lesser yellowlegs Um
- __Solitary sandpiper Um
- __Willet Um
- __Spotted sandpiper Cm
- __Whimbrel Rm
- __Long-billed curlew Rm
- __Marbled godwit Rm
- __Sanderling Om
- __Semipalmated sandpiper Om
- __Western sandpiper AmOw
- __Least sandpiper AmCw

- __Baird's sandpiper Cm
- __Pectoral sandpiper Rm
- __Dunlin UmRw
- __Short-billed dowitcher Um
- __Long-billed dowitcher UmRw
- __Common snipe CmRw
- __Wilson's phalarope Am
- __Red-necked phalarope Am

GULLS, TERNS, AND ALLIES

- __Franklin's gull Rm
- __Bonaparte's gull Cm
- __Ring-billed gull CmUw
- __California gull CmUsw
- __Caspian tern UmRs
- __Common tern Rm
- __Forster's tern UsRm
- __Black tern Um

PIGEONS AND DOVES

- __Rock dove Cy
- __Band-tailed pigeon Om
- __White-winged dove Us
- __Mourning dove Ay

CUCKOOS AND ALLIES

- __Greater roadrunner Cy

OWLS

- __Barn owl Ay
- __Western screech-owl Cy
- __Great horned owl Ay
- __Elf owl Rsl
- __Burrowing owl Uy
- __Long-eared owl Uyl
- __Short-eared owl Rw

NIGHTJARS

- __Lesser nighthawk Us
- __Common poorwill AsCmRw

SWIFTS

- __Vaux's swift CmRw
- __White-throated swift Cy

HUMMINGBIRDS

- __Black-chinned hummingbird AsRw
- __Anna's hummingbird CwUmRs
- __Costa's hummingbird AmRsw
- __Calliope hummingbird Om
- __Broad-tailed hummingbird Rsl
- __Rufous hummingbird Rm

KINGFISHERS

- __Belted kingfisher Umw

WOODPECKERS

__ Lewis' woodpecker CwOs
__ Acorn woodpecker Om
__ Gila woodpecker Ryl
__ Yellow-bellied sapsucker Uw
__ Red-breasted sapsucker Rw
__ Williamson's sapsucker Ow
__ Ladder-backed woodpecker Cy
__ Nuttall's woodpecker Ry
__ Downy woodpecker Ow
__ Hairy woodpecker Ow
__ White-headed Woodpecker Ow
__ Northern flicker AwRs

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

__ Olive-sided flycatcher Rm
__ Western wood-pewee Cm
__ Willow flycatcher Cm
__ Least flycatcher Ow
__ Hammond's flycatcher Um
__ Dusky flycatcher Om
__ Gray flycatcher RmOw
__ Pacific-slope flycatcher Cm
__ Black phoebe Uy
__ Say's phoebe Cy
__ Vermilion flycatcher Ry
__ Ash-throated flycatcher AsCmOw
__ Brown-crested flycatcher Csl
__ Tropical Kingbird Ow
__ Cassin's kingbird Us
__ Western kingbird As
__ Eastern Kingbird Os
__ Scissor-tailed flycatcher Os

LARKS

__ Horned lark Ay

SWALLOWS

__ Tree swallow Am
__ Violet-green swallow Uw
__ Northern rough-winged swallow CmUs
__ Bank swallow CmRws
__ Cliff swallow Cs
__ Barn swallow AmUsOw

JAYS, MAGPIES, AND CROWS

__ Steller's jay Ow
__ Western scrub jay Ow
__ Pinyon jay Cy
__ Clark's nutcracker Ow
__ American crow Uy
__ Common raven Ay

TITMICE AND ALLIES

__ Mountain chickadee Ow
__ Verdin Ay
__ Bushtit Ow

NUTHATCHES AND CREEPERS

__ Red-breasted nuthatch Rw
__ White-breasted nuthatch UmRw
__ Brown creeper Rw

WRENS

__ Cactus wren Ay
__ Rock wren Ay
__ Canyon wren Cy
__ Bewick's wren Uw
__ House wren CmRw
__ Winter wren Rm
__ Marsh wren UmRws

THRUSHES AND ALLIES

__ Golden-crowned kinglet Rw
__ Ruby-crowned kinglet Aw
__ Blue-gray gnatcatcher CsUw
__ Black-tailed gnatcatcher Cy
__ Western bluebird Cw
__ Mountain bluebird AwUm
__ Townsend's solitaire Uw
__ Swainson's thrush Cm
__ Hermit thrush Cw
__ American robin CwRs
__ Varied thrush Rw

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

__ Northern mockingbird Cy
__ Sage thrasher CmRwOs
__ Brown thrasher RmOw
__ Bendire's thrasher Cs
__ Curve-billed thrasher Ow
__ Crissal thrasher Uy
__ Le Conte's thrasher Uy

PIPITS

__ American pipit AwCm

WAXWINGS

__ Bohemian waxwing Ow
__ Cedar waxwing CmUw

SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

__ Phainopepla AwUs

SHRIKES

__ Northern shrike Rw
__ Loggerhead shrike Cy

VIREOS

__ Bell's vireo RsOw
__ Cassin's vireo Um
__ Gray vireo Us
__ Warbling vireo Am

STARLINGS

__ European starling Uy

WOOD-WARBLERS

__ Tennessee warbler Rm
__ Orange-crowned warbler AmRw
__ Nashville warbler CmRw
__ Virginia's warbler Rm
__ Lucy's warbler Cs
__ Northern parula RmOw
__ Yellow warbler AmUs
__ Chestnut-sided warbler Rm
__ Magnolia warbler Rm
__ Cape May warbler Rm
__ Yellow-rumped warbler AmCw
__ Black-throated gray warbler Cm
__ Townsend's warbler Um
__ Hermit warbler Rm
__ Palm warbler Om
__ Blackpoll warbler Om
__ Black-and-white warbler Rm
__ American redstart Rm
__ Prothonotary warbler Rw
__ Ovenbird Rm
__ Northern waterthrush Rm
__ MacGillivray's warbler Am
__ Common yellowthroat CmUws
__ Hooded warbler Om
__ Wilson's warbler AmOw
__ Yellow-breasted chat Us

TANAGERS

__ Summer tanager UsI
__ Western tanager Am

FINCHES AND SPARROWS

__ Pyrrhuloxia Rw
__ Rose-breasted grosbeak Rm
__ Black-headed grosbeak Am
__ Blue grosbeak Cs
__ Lazuli bunting AmRs
__ Indigo bunting Rs
__ Lark bunting Rm
__ Green-tailed towhee UmOw
__ Rufous-sided towhee Rw
__ Abert's towhee Cy
__ Chipping sparrow CmUw
__ Clay-colored sparrow RmOw
__ Brewer's sparrow AwCm

__ Black-chinned sparrow UsOw
__ Vesper sparrow Cw
__ Lark sparrow CwUs
__ Black-throated sparrow AsCmUw
__ Sage sparrow Aw
__ Savannah sparrow Aw
__ Fox sparrow Rw
__ Song sparrow Uy
__ Lincoln's sparrow Cw
__ Swamp sparrow Rm
__ White-throated sparrow Rw
__ Golden-crowned sparrow Aw
__ White-crowned sparrow Aw
__ Harris' sparrow Rw
__ Dark-eyed junco Aw
__ Lapland longspur Rw
__ Chestnut-collared longspur Rw

BLACKBIRDS AND ORIOLES

__ Red-winged blackbird Ay
__ Western meadowlark Ay
__ Yellow-headed blackbird CmUsRw
__ Rusty blackbird Rm
__ Brewer's blackbird Ay
__ Great-tailed grackle Ry
__ Common grackle Rm
__ Brown-headed cowbird CsUw
__ Orchard oriole Om
__ Hooded oriole Cs
__ Northern oriole As
__ Scott's oriole UsRw
__ Streak-backed Oriole Rw
__ Bobolink Rm

OLD WORLD FINCHES AND SPARROWS

__ Purple finch Rw
__ Cassin's finch Rm
__ House finch Ay
__ Pine siskin Ow
__ Lesser goldfinch CsUw
__ American goldfinch Uw
__ Red crossbill Rm
__ Evening grosbeak Om
__ House sparrow Ay

DEFINITIONS:

Abundant

Almost always encountered in proper habitat and season; often in large numbers.

Common

Usually encountered in proper habitat and season.

Uncommon

Occurs in small numbers, but widespread within proper habitat and season.

Rare

Occurs most years in small numbers in a few locations.

Occasional

Not present most years; very few individuals present within desert.

localized occurrence

Found only in certain specific places; may be abundant in those places.

year-round resident

spring-summer

winter

migrant